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SUBJECT: KIM YONG SAM ATTACKS YUSHIN CONSTITUTION

SUMMARY: NDP PRESIDENT KIM YONG-SAM ATTACKED YUSHIN SYSTEM DURING HIS OCT 7 KEYNOTE ADDRESS TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. KIM DEMANDED CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION AND DISBANDING KCIA. END SUMMARY.

1. SPEAKING IN SUBDUED TONES, KIM YONG-SAM DESCRIBED YUSHIN AS AN INSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEE FOR PROLONGING REGIME. HE ATTACKED GOVERNMENT POSITION THAT SYSTEM NEEDED BECAUSE OF DIALOGUE WITH NORTH AND TO IMPROVE NATIONAL STRENGTH. TO CONTRARY HE ARGUED SYSTEM HAD LED TO DICTATORSHIP AND CORRUPTION WHICH HAD ALIENATED KOREAN PEOPLE AND ISOLATED COUNTRY INTERNATIONALLY.

2. IN SPITE OF YUSHIN KIM ARGUED GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN FORCED TO PROCLAIM EMERGENCY MEASURES BECAUSE PEOPLE OF ALL CLASSES HAD RISEN UP TO "FIGHT FOR DEMOCRACY." BY JAILING FORMER PRESIDENT YUN PO-SUN, STUDENTS, CLERGY, POLITICIANS, WRITERS, AND SCHOLARS,

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ROKG HAD RESORTED TO ACTIONS NOT TAKEN EVEN UNDER

JAPANESE RULE. KIM CALLED FOR RELEASE OF ALL THOSE
JAILED UNDER EMERGENCY MEASURES 1 AND 4 AS WELL AS
JAILED NDP ASSEMBLYMEN.

3. KIM SAID YUSHIN SYSTEM WAS AT LEAST PARTLY TO
BLAME FOR FAILURE OF NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. HE
CLAIMED THAT "DICTATORSHIP" NOT ABLE TO UTILIZE
INTERNATIONAL SITUATION TO IMPROVE DIALOGUE AND CALLED
FOR A PERMANENT BIPARTISON NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE
FOR NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE.

4. ON NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUES KIM CLAIMED THAT
BECAUSE OF LONG AND OPPRESSIVE RULE OF PARK REGIME
OPINION OF ROK IN U.S. HAD DETERIORATED AND THE
STATUS OF U.S. FORCES IN ROK AND MILITARY AID HAD
BECOME "SHAKY". KIM ALSO SAID ROK MILITARY MUST
EXIST IN CALM NON-POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT IF IT
WERE TO PROVIDE SECURITY, A CONDITION NOT BEING
MET BY PRESENT SYSTEM.

5. KIM BLAMED ECONOMIC ILLS OF COUNTRY ON
POLITICAL SYSTEM WHICH EXPLOITS WORKERS. CITING
HYUNDAI SHIPYARD LABOR TROUBLE HE SAID WORKERS
MIGHT RISE AGAINST GOVERNMENT IF POLICIES ARE
NOT CHANGED.

6. KIM'S POLICY RECOMMENDATION INCLUDED GREATER
FREEDOM OF PRESS AND ON THE CAMPUS AND FOR ABOLITION
OF KCIA. HE ASKED PRESIDENT TO MAKE A "COURAGEOUS
DECISION" FOR FUTURE OF NATION, THEN ASKED ASSEMBLY TO
FORM COMMITTEE TO DELIBERATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.
HE PROMISED NDP WOULD WORK FOR:

A. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT BY DIRECT POPULAR VOTE

B. MAXIMUM OF TWO FOUR-YEAR TERMS

C. GUARANTEE OF THREE SEPARATE BRANCHES OF
GOVERNMENT

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D. GUARANTEE OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS.

7. IN CONCLUSION KIM SAID THAT HE WAS NOT ADVOCATING
REVOLUTION, BUT IF DEMANDS OF MAJORITY FOR
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WERE NOT MET, AND DEMOCRATIC
DEMANDS OF PEOPLE TAKE PLACE OUTSIDE POLITICAL SPHERE,
KIM AND NDP WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT TOGETHER
WITH PEOPLE.

8. PRIMIN IN RESPONSE TO KIM'S SPEECH GAVE STANDARD ROKG JUSTIFICATION FOR SYSTEM WITH EMPHASIS ON COMMUNIST THREAT. HE DENIED CHARGES THAT PURPOSE YUSHIN SYSTEM WAS TO KEEP GOVERNMENT IN POWER. PRIMIN ALSO DENIED THAT ROKG DOMESTIC POLITICS THREATENING US SUPPORT. HE WAS CRITICAL OF MINORITY OF US SCHOLARS AND WRITERS WHO ATTACKED ROKG IN ORDER TO ENHANCE OWN REPUTATIONS.

9. AT END OF SPEECH KIM WALKED OUT OF ASSEMBLY EXPECTING OTHER NDP ASSEMBLYMEN TO FOLLOW BEFORE PRIMIN'S REBUTTAL. OBSERVER REPORTS THAT ONLY A FEW NDP ASSEMBLYMEN FOLLOWED KIM OUT.

10. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SPEECH WAS CRITICAL OF ROKG AND TOUCHED ON ALL MAJOR ANTI-GOVT ISSUES, IT WAS NOT AS INFLAMMATORY AS GOVERNMENT HAD FEARED (SOME HAD EXPECTED KIM TO CALL FOR IMMEDIATE RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT PARK).

11. GOVT IS INTERPRETING SPEECH AS RELATIVELY MILD AND AS INDICATION THAT FOR TIME BEING KIM WILL OPERATE WITHIN PARLIAMENTARY LIMITS IN CRITICIZING GOVERNMENT. SNEIDER

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